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The Pastor Speaks

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The promises of God are life preservers that keep the soul from sinking in the sea of trouble.

The Bible does not need to be re-written, but re-read.

No man, according to logic, ever got lost on a straight road.

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow, because our Heavenly Father will either shield you from suffering or He will give you strength to bear it."

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

Conviction may be without conversion, but there is no conversion without conviction.

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The destiny of life and death, time and eternity, heaven or hell, under divine grace, becomes a matter of choice. God holds us responsible for our choice.

We can give ourselves without loving, but we cannot love without giving ourselves.

"We are debtors to every man to give him the Gospel in the same measure as we have received it."

Faith not only accepts the fact of a living Christ, but has the fact verified in experience.

Success in every field revolves itself into the clear proposition of selection and rejection.

Righteousness and love are two virtues that should find its proper balance in the Christian.

Rev. Don Wagner
Rocks Baptist Church
Pamplin, Virginia 23958

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments By Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For October 19, 1975

GIVING WHAT GOD ASKS

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son. Hebrews 11:17

Abraham's willingness to offer his son Isaac in sacrifice is understandably regarded as the supreme expression of his faith. Abraham's faith, in facing the hardest test a person is called upon to face, contrasts with his lapses of faith in representing his wife Sarah as his sister and in undertaking to secure descendants through his wife's maid, Hagar.

The difference is to be explained in the birth of Isaac. The birth of a son to Abraham and Sarah, when the wife was long past of the age of child-bearing, confirmed as nothing else could to Abraham the conviction that God would keep His promises. Before Isaac's birth that convincing evidence of God's faithfulness had not entered Abraham's experience. Aware that in the natural order, which was his only experience, Sarah was past the age of child-bearing, it is understandable that Abraham would seek the fulfillment of the promise of countless descendants through a natural way.

But the miracle happened. As the writer to the Hebrews put it, "By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

When the call came to Abraham to sacrifice his son, he undoubtedly reasoned that the God who had given him and his wife a son in their old age would still keep his promise and assure him descendants. The fulfillment of one promise strengthens confidence in the person who keeps it.

To the contemporary Christian mind, God's call to Abraham to sacrifice his only son, through whom, as the writer to the Hebrews phrased it, "shall your descendants be named," seems a strange and uncharacteristic demand. Here again is evidence that man cannot know fully the mind of God or understand the divine motives (even as he cannot always understand human motives). God did not ask of Abraham more than He Himself did in sending His Son to be the permanent and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. God provided a substitute sacrifice for Abraham's son; He did not for His own.

Human sacrifice is very old in human history and took place in many and widely scattered places of the earth. Even in Israel, the law required that "you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb . . . Every first born of man among your sons you shall redeem" (Exodus 13:2, 12-13). Here it is shown that although the first-born was consecrated to God, He did not want human sacrifices.

Abraham, for all the communion he had with God, did not know God as we are able to know Him, thanks to the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Abraham knew that among some peoples it was customary to sacrifice their children. When he went about sacrificing his son, he went about it in faith. Again we refer to the Letter to the Hebrews for insight: Abraham "considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence, figuratively speaking, he did receive (Isaac) back." Since it had been made clear that Isaac was the son of promise, the tradition in Israel is understandable, that Abraham expected God to raise Isaac from the dead rather than give him another son.

God asks of us what is valuable and precious to us. Anything less is inappropriate to give the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The priority is at once God does not compete or negotiate Him. It is the mark the devotee, God's values and man's, what one comes necessarily in the full measure and What a person receives; what he loses. When himself to be used for the glory of the well-being of human life rich and abundant withholds himself empty and poor.

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Letter To The Editor

October 13, 1975

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Lloyd:

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my delight at the wonderful and successful Railroad Day festivities put on by the Junior Woman's Club, with co-operation from the Town of Appomattox and many, many other people.

The members of the Junior Woman's Club, and the others who co-operated with them, along with the Town of Appomattox officials, deserve the thanks and the admiration of all the people of this section. They worked long and hard to guarantee a successful festival, and such it was. Everyone I have talked with has been high in praise of the occasion.

I realize that many, many people contributed to the occasion. Your paper did a splendid job in keeping the people informed. Those participating in the parade deserve our thanks. Our local radio carried the program live, thus enabling many people who were unable to be present to enjoy the festivities, and I know our people are looking forward to another grand occasion next year.

Again let me say that our entire community salutes the Junior Woman's Club and all those who co-operated in making this an outstanding

Attention All Interested Citizens

The annual Homecoming Parade previously scheduled for October 31 has been re-scheduled for November 1 at 5 p.m. Line-up will begin at 4 p.m. at the Appomattox Primary School. It will dismiss at the Appomattox Middle School.

All interested persons or businesses interested in entering a float in the parade must contact Appomattox County High School PTA immediately.

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FFA Forestry Judging Contest Set Saturday

The 1975 Southside Area Future Farmers of America Forestry Judging Contest will be held near Park View Senior High School, Saturday, October 18.

The contest is the second round in an elimination to determine the top FFA forestry judging team in Virginia. The five teams taking part in the contest are winners in federation contests just concluded.

The contest will be made up of tests in estimating board feet volume of standing timber, tree identification, timber stand improvement, determining tree values and woodland management.

Members of the Virginia Division of Forestry selected the plots and made official placings for the contest. J. T. Williams, Jr., instructor of agricultural education in the Park View Senior High School, is in charge of local arrangements for the contest.

The Hub Federation (Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell counties) will be represented by the William Campbell FFA forestry judging team.

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